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Honorable Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

REPLY to Requirement for Restriction under 37 C.F.R. § 1.142(a)

Sir:

In response to the Office action of April 8, 2008 Applicant hereby elects "Invention I." Claims 1 and 2 are believed to encompass the elected invention. (This response is without traverse.)

Favorable action by the Examiner at an early date on the merits of the present application as of Applicant's January 16, 2008 reply is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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